

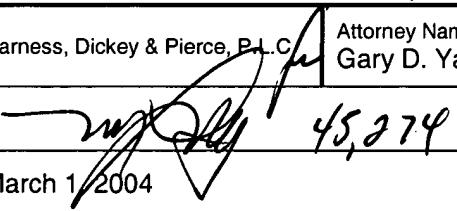
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		Inventor(s)	Linus Albert FETTER et al.
		Group Art Unit	2748
		Examiner Name	R. P. Culbert
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1002	340	2002	170	Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	

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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

		Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
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Independent Claims	3	-3 **	= 0 X 86 = 0	
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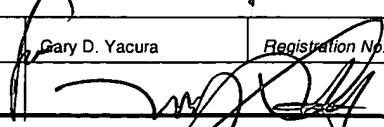
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 28, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.